

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A character string processing apparatus  
converting a character string encoded by a first  
encoding method to a second encoding method selected  
5 from a plurality of encoding methods is disclosed.  
The character string processing apparatus includes an  
encoding method determination part that selects the  
encoding methods, obtains, with respect to each  
selected encoding method, at least one of the number  
10 information and the position information of one or  
more replacement codes at the time of converting the  
character string to the selected encoding method, and  
determines the second encoding method based on at  
least one of the number information and the position  
15 information.